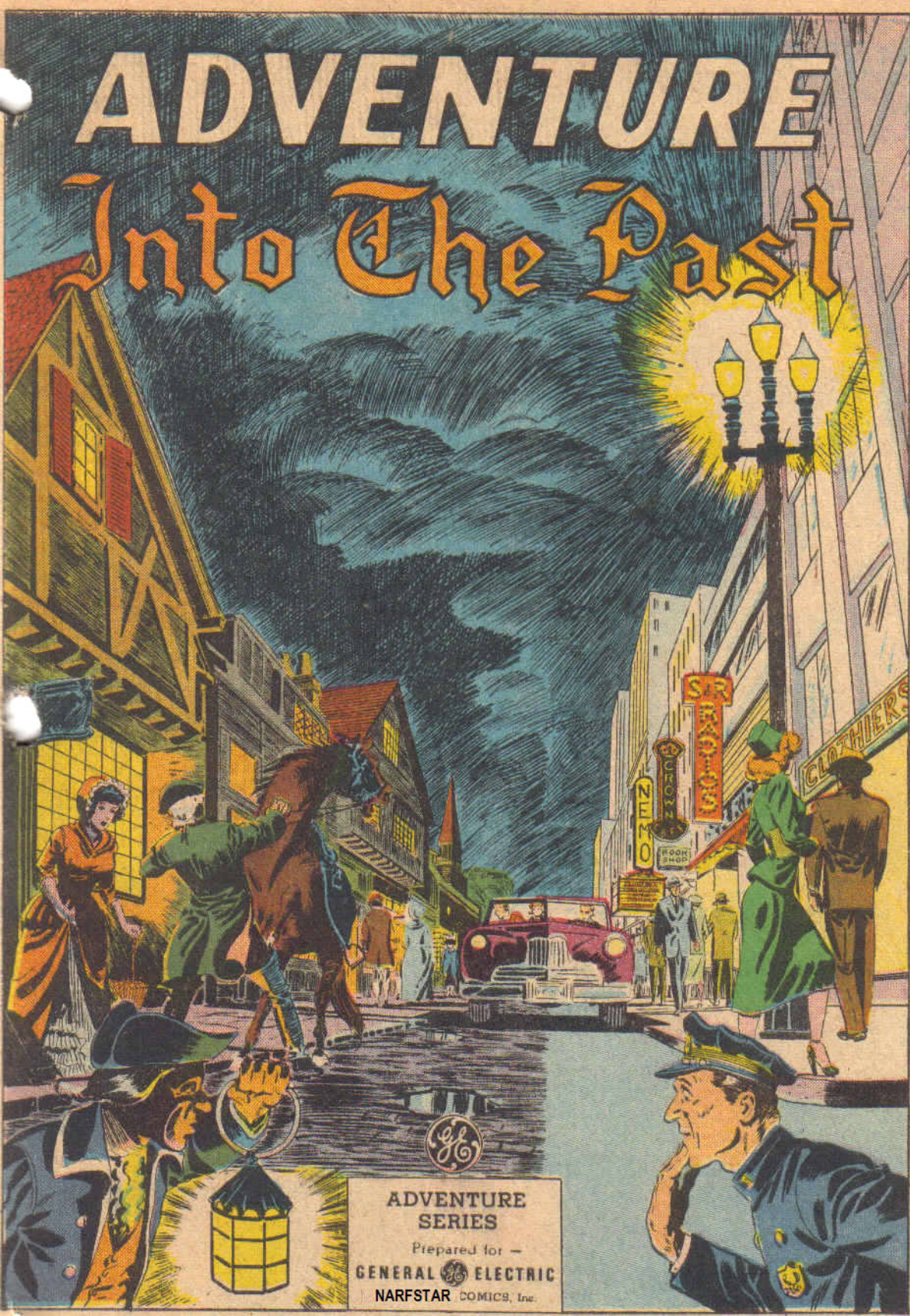


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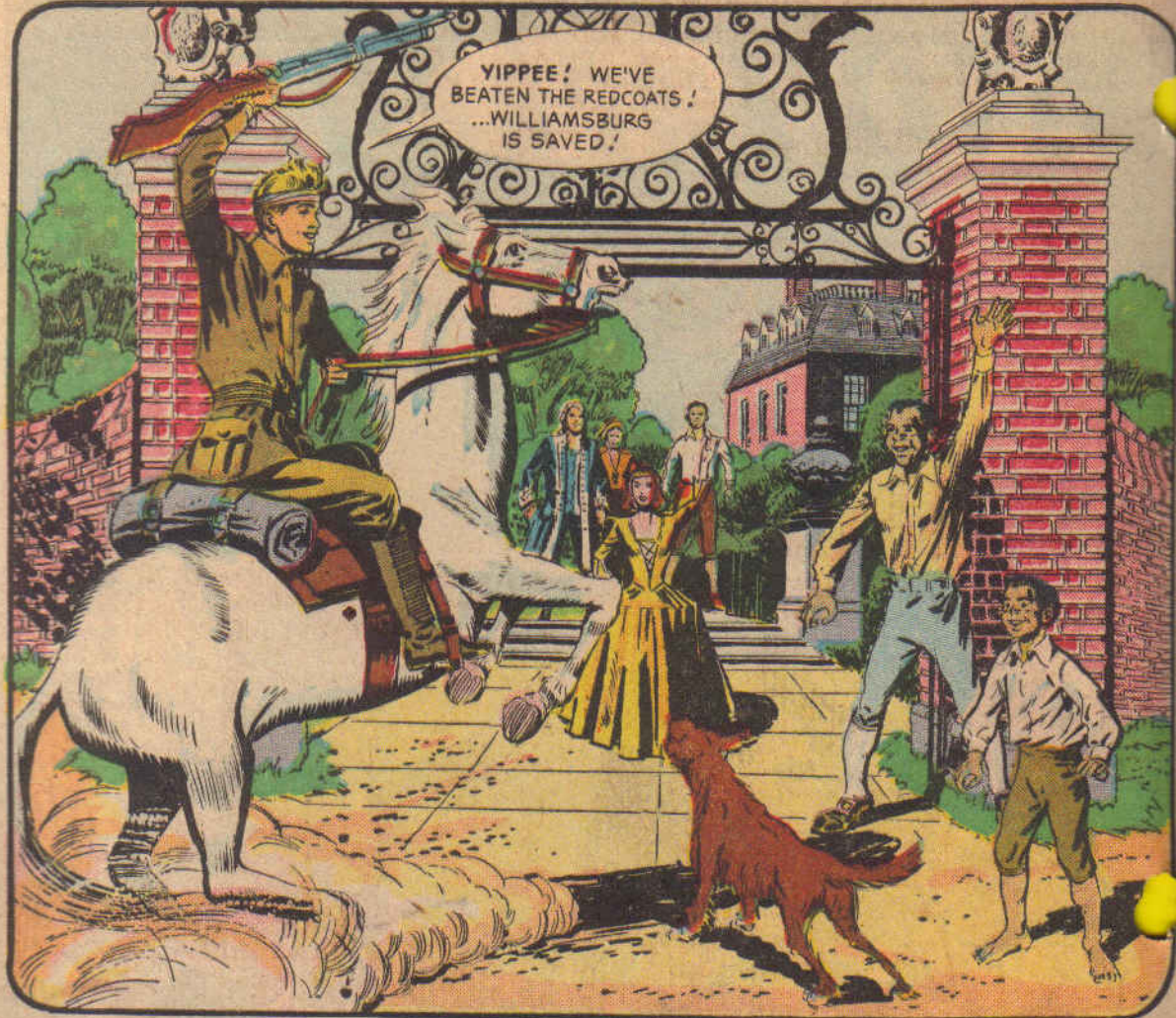
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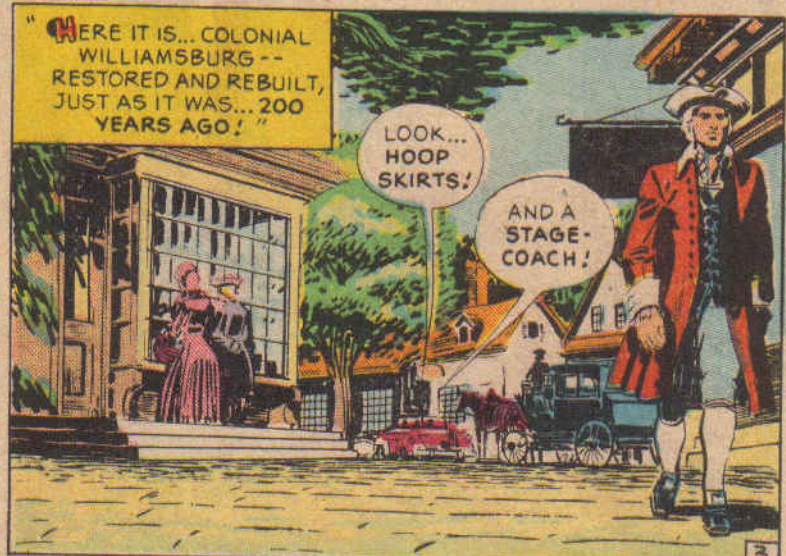
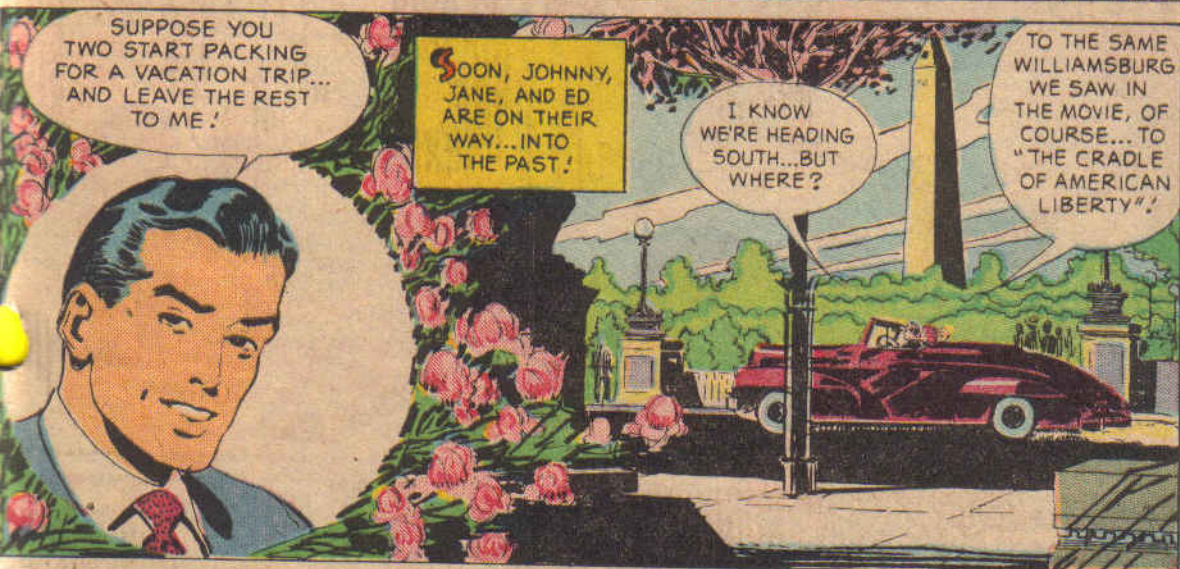
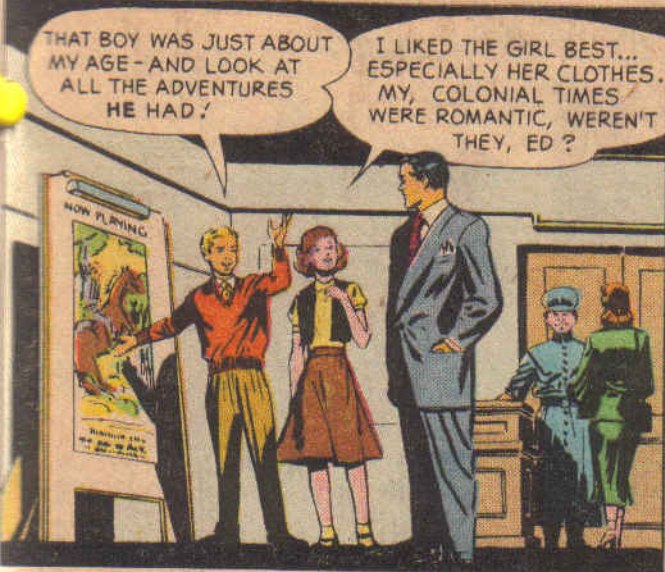
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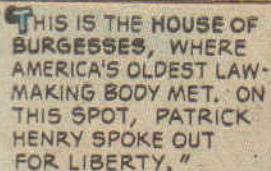


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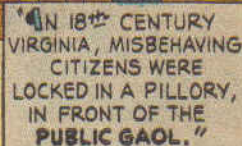


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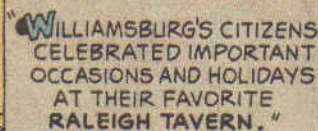
THIS IS THE HOUSE OF BURGESSES, WHERE AMERICA'S OLDEST LAW-MAKING BODY MET. ON THIS SPOT, PATRICK HENRY SPOKE OUT FOR LIBERTY."

A man in a red sweater and tan pants stands in a room with a large chandelier and two framed portraits on the wall. He is gesturing towards a large window with red curtains. In the foreground, a table is covered with a green cloth and holds various items like a clock and books. A woman in a red dress and a man in a blue suit are seated at the table, looking towards the speaker.



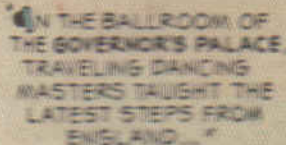
"IN 18TH CENTURY VIRGINIA, MISBEHAVING CITIZENS WERE LOCKED IN A PILLORY, IN FRONT OF THE PUBLIC GAOL."

A man and a woman are standing next to a wooden pillory. The man is looking into the pillory, which contains a person's head. The woman is looking at the man. The pillory is made of thick wooden beams.



"WILLIAMSBURG'S CITIZENS CELEBRATED IMPORTANT OCCASIONS AND HOLIDAYS AT THEIR FAVORITE RALEIGH TAVERN."

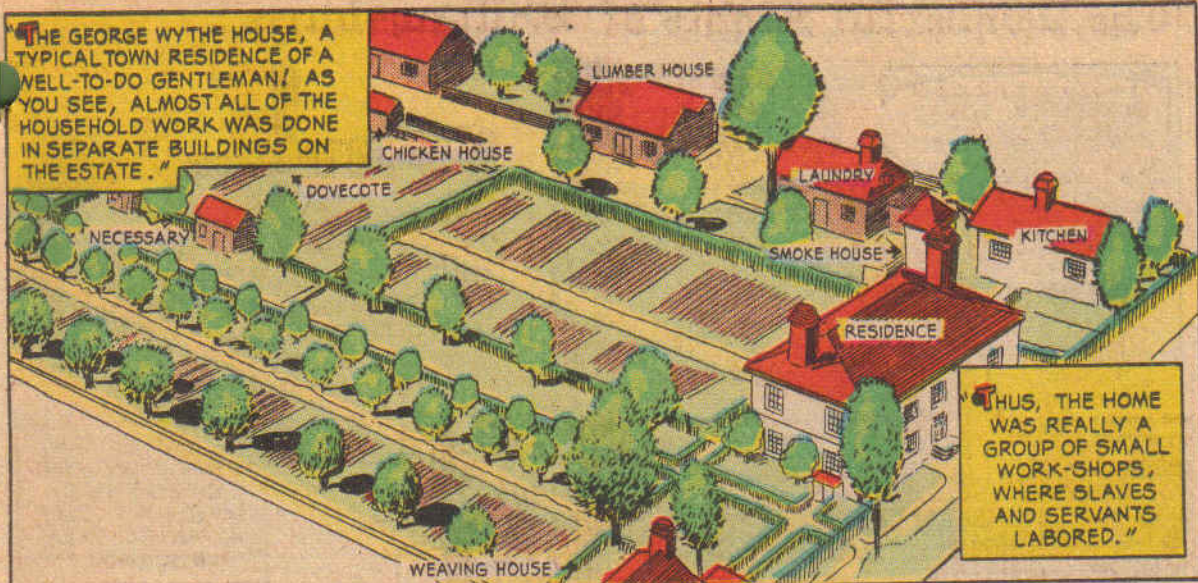
A man, a woman, and a young man are looking at a book titled "GUIDE TO COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG". The man is holding the book open, and the woman is pointing at it. The young man is looking on with interest.



"IN THE BALLROOM OF THE GOVERNOR'S PALACE, TRAVELING DANCING MASTERS TAUGHT THE LATEST STEPS FROM ENGLAND..."

A man in a green jacket is playing a piano. A woman in a red dress is dancing. A man in a blue suit is watching. A woman in a pink dress is also watching. The scene is set in a ballroom with a large piano and a chandelier.

THE GEORGE WYTHE HOUSE, A TYPICAL TOWN RESIDENCE OF A WELL-TO-DO GENTLEMAN! AS YOU SEE, ALMOST ALL OF THE HOUSEHOLD WORK WAS DONE IN SEPARATE BUILDINGS ON THE ESTATE."



THUS, THE HOME WAS REALLY A GROUP OF SMALL WORK-SHOPS, WHERE SLAVES AND SERVANTS LABORED."

NOW I KNOW WHAT THEY MEAN BY "THE GOOD OLD DAYS." I WISH I COULD HAVE LIVED HERE...IT MUST HAVE BEEN FINE!

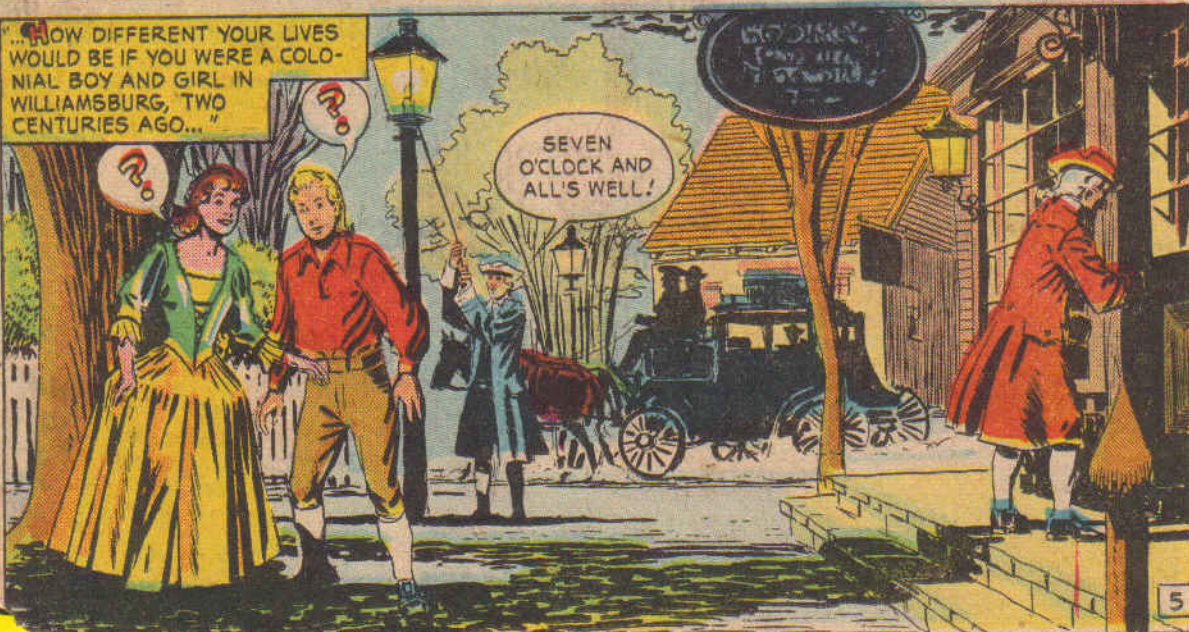
IT WASN'T—NOT EVEN FOR THE FEW WEALTHY PLANTATION OWNERS. YOU SEE...



TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO, MOST FOLKS HAD TO WORK LONG AND HARD FOR A SIMPLE EXISTENCE. JUST CLOSE YOUR EYES, JOHNNY AND JANE, AND TRY TO IMAGINE...

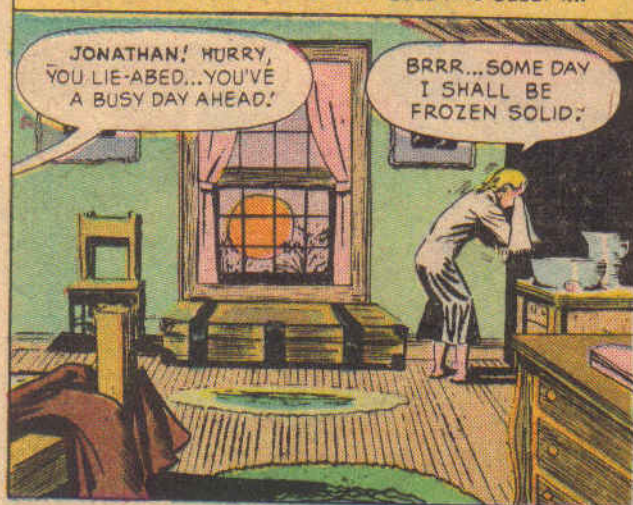


...HOW DIFFERENT YOUR LIVES WOULD BE IF YOU WERE A COLONIAL BOY AND GIRL IN WILLIAMSBURG, TWO CENTURIES AGO..."

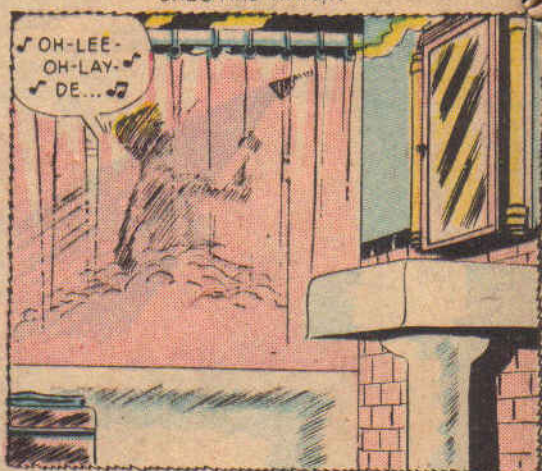


SEVEN O'CLOCK AND ALL'S WELL!

"YOU'D BE AWAKENED AT DAWN--COLD AND SLEEPY..."



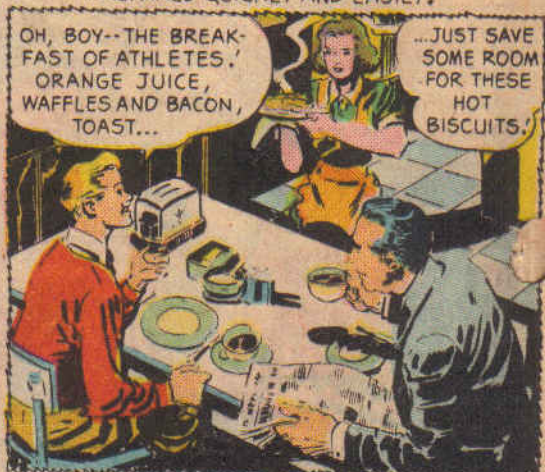
"BUT TODAY, YOU NOT ONLY GET UP LATER--BUT, EVEN ON THE COLDEST MORNINGS, YOU'RE SNUG AND WARM!"



"A SIMPLE COLONIAL BREAKFAST TOOK TIME AND PATIENCE TO PREPARE IN THE OPEN FIREPLACE..."



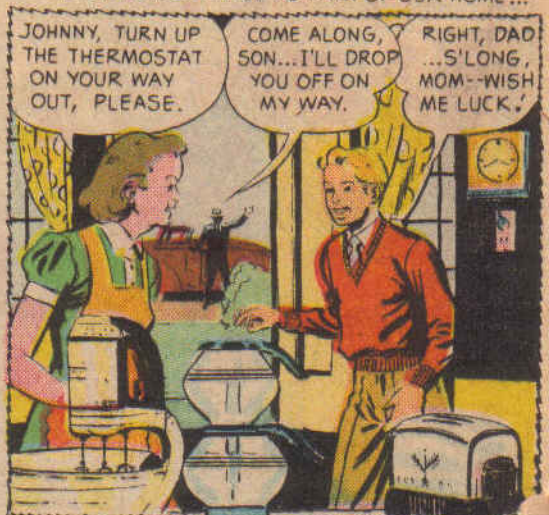
"NOWADAYS, MANY AND PLENTY OF GOOD THINGS TO EAT ARE STORED COOL AND CLEAN... PREPARED QUICKLY AND EASILY!"



"EVERY MORNING, WATER AND FIREWOOD HAD TO BE BROUGHT TO THE HOUSE BY MANPOWER... AND BOYPOWER..."



"NO CHORES FOR US! WE JUST TAKE FUEL AND WATER FOR GRANTED AS PART OF OUR HOME..."



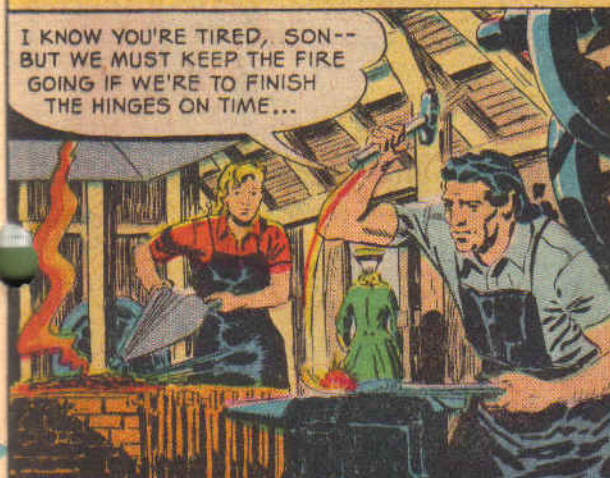
"ONLY THE WEALTHY COULD AFFORD AN EDUCATION--
MOST PEOPLE HAD NEITHER THE TIME NOR MONEY..."



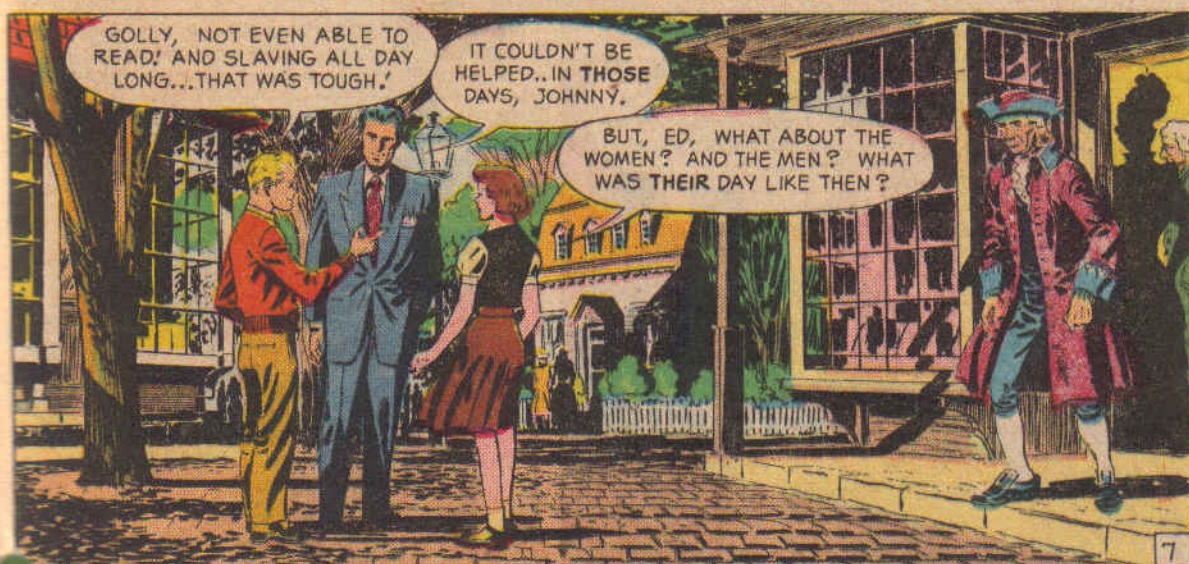
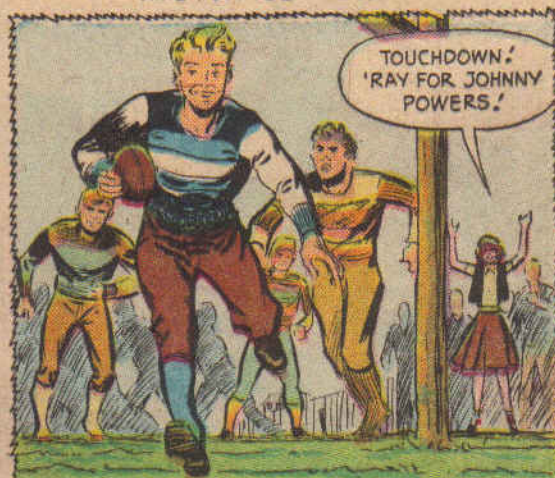
"BUT TODAY, ALL BOYS AND GIRLS HAVE TIME
FOR SCHOOL...AND EDUCATION IS FREE FOR
EVERYBODY!"



"LEARNING A TRADE WAS A COLONIAL LAD'S
ALL-DAY JOB..."



"WHILE THREE-O'CLOCK THESE DAYS IS FUN
TIME FOR YOU KIDS..."



"WELL, A GIRL HAD TO HELP MOTHER WITH HER DAWN-TO-DARK LABOR...THERE WAS THE LAUNDRY, FOR INSTANCE--"

SCRUB THE CLOTHES WELL, JANE, BUT BE SPARING OF THE SOAP

WE SHALL HAVE TO MAKE MORE SOAP SOON, MOTHER.



"THEN THERE WAS THE MATTER OF HOUSE-CLEANING..."

I'VE SPREAD THE CLOTHES ON THE GRASS TO DRY...

THAT'S A GOOD CHILD. NOW, WHILE YOU BEAT THE RUGS, I'LL FINISH SWEEPING AND START THE WINDOWS.

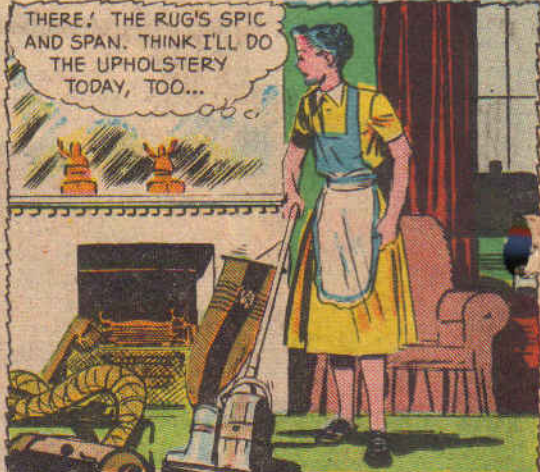


"TODAY, WHILE YOU'RE AT SCHOOL, MOTHER'S AUTOMATIC WASHER SOAKS, WASHES, RINSES AND DRIES EVERYTHING FOR HER...WHILE HER AUTOMATIC IRONER SAVES HER STILL MORE TIME AND ENERGY!"



"NOW, ELECTRIC APPLIANCES--LIKE A STAFF OF WELL-TRAINED SERVANTS--DO OUR CLEANING..."

THERE, THE RUG'S SPIC AND SPAN. THINK I'LL DO THE UPHOLSTERY TODAY, TOO...



"THEN, WHEN THE HOUSEWORK WAS FINALLY DONE..."

IT'S ONLY TWO HOURS TO DINNER... WE'D BEST GET STARTED, JANE. I'LL START MY BREAD, AND YOU FETCH SOME DRIED BEEF AND POTATOES FROM THE CELLAR.



"WITH TODAY'S ELECTRIC RANGE, REFRIGERATOR AND HOME FREEZER, MOTHER CAN PREPARE TASTY, HEALTHFUL MEALS IN A MATTER OF MINUTES!"

TWENTY MINUTES TO DINNER-TIME, NOW, LET'S SEE--LAMB CHOPS, GREEN SALAD, STRAWBERRIES--THIS'LL TASTE SO GOOD, THEY'LL NEVER KNOW IT'S FULL OF VITAMINS A TO DOUBLE-Z.



"SINCE, IN THOSE DAYS, THERE WERE ONLY CRUDE TOOLS AND MUSCLE POWER, BOYS HAD TO HELP THEIR FATHERS WITH THE HEAVY WORK..."



GOOD, JONATHAN--YOU'LL MAKE A FINE SMITH SOMEDAY.'

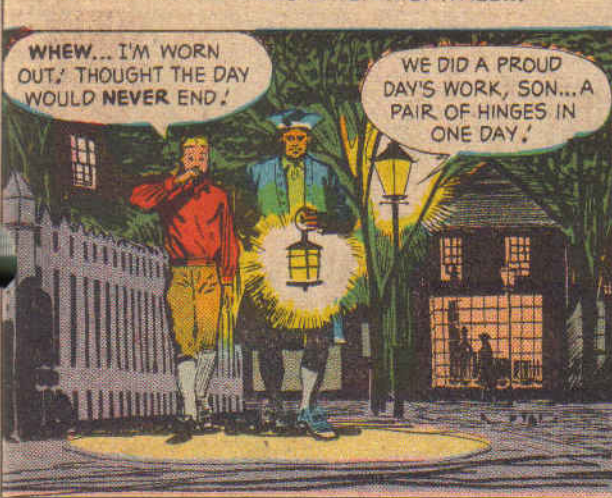
"A DIFFERENT STORY FOR OUR DAD, EH, JOHNNY? MACHINERY MAKES HIS JOB A LOT EASIER..."



...AND THIS ELECTRIC-POWERED MACHINE COST \$17,000...SO TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT.'

LOOK AT 'ER-- CUTTING RIGHT THROUGH THAT STEEL LIKE A KNIFE THROUGH CHEESE.'

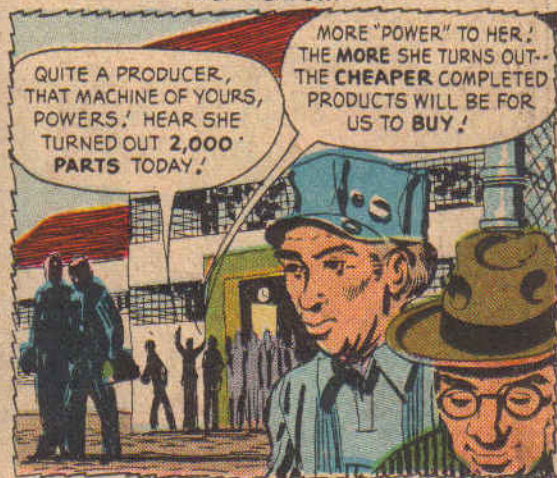
"AT THE FORGE--LONG AFTER NIGHTFALL..."



WHEW... I'M WORN OUT! THOUGHT THE DAY WOULD NEVER END!

WE DID A PROUD DAY'S WORK, SON... A PAIR OF HINGES IN ONE DAY.'

"AT THE FACTORY, IT'S STILL DAYLIGHT WHEN WORK ENDS..."



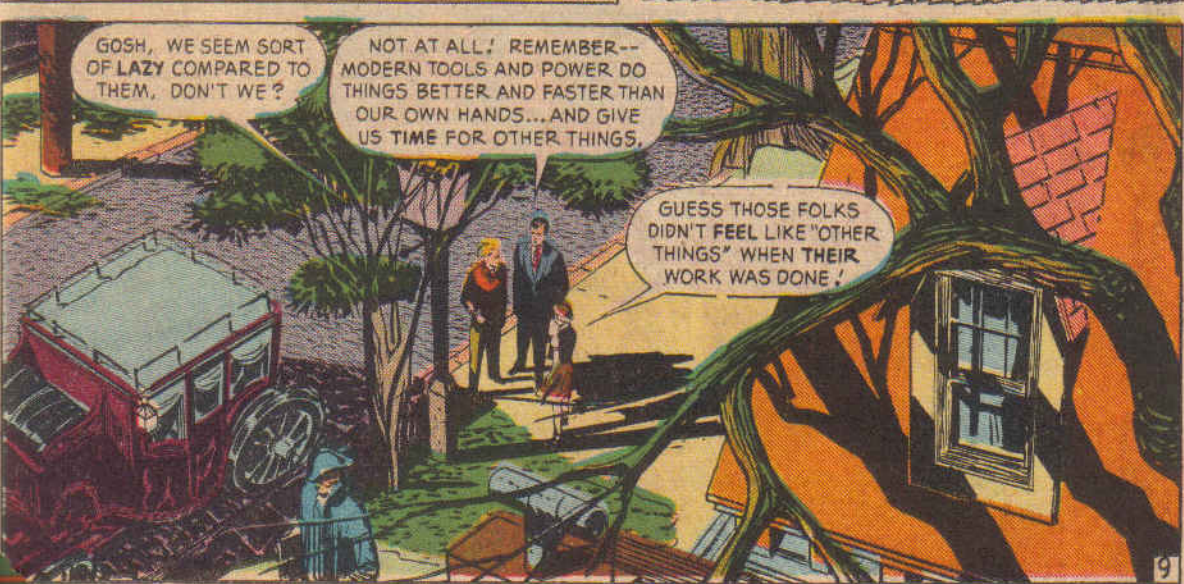
QUITE A PRODUCER, THAT MACHINE OF YOURS, POWERS! HEAR SHE TURNED OUT 2,000 PARTS TODAY.'

MORE "POWER" TO HER! THE MORE SHE TURNS OUT--THE CHEAPER COMPLETED PRODUCTS WILL BE FOR US TO BUY!

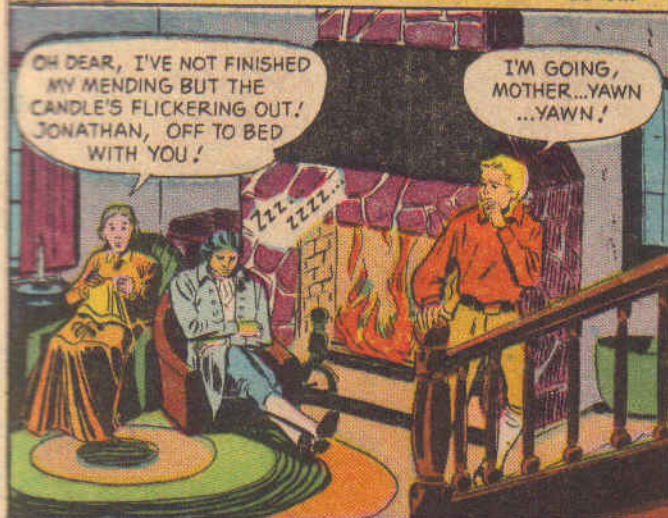
GOSH, WE SEEM SORT OF LAZY COMPARED TO THEM, DON'T WE?

NOT AT ALL! REMEMBER--MODERN TOOLS AND POWER DO THINGS BETTER AND FASTER THAN OUR OWN HANDS...AND GIVE US TIME FOR OTHER THINGS.

GUESS THOSE FOLKS DIDN'T FEEL LIKE "OTHER THINGS" WHEN THEIR WORK WAS DONE.'



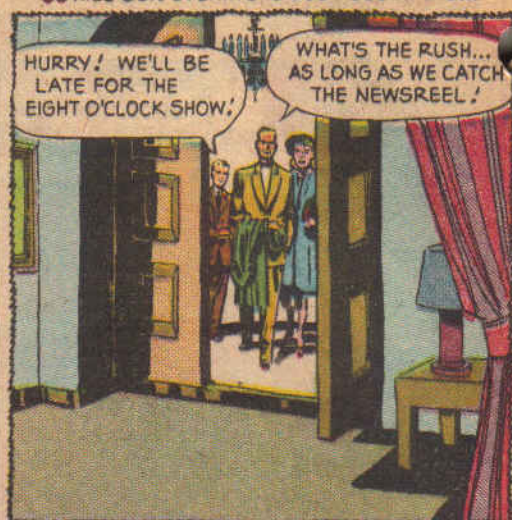
"AFTER DINNER IT WAS BED-TIME FOR THOSE WEARY FOLKS..."



"OH DEAR, I'VE NOT FINISHED MY MENDING BUT THE CANDLE'S FLICKERING OUT! JONATHAN, OFF TO BED WITH YOU!"

"I'M GOING, MOTHER...YAWN...YAWN!"

"WHILE OUR EVENING IS JUST BEGINNING..."

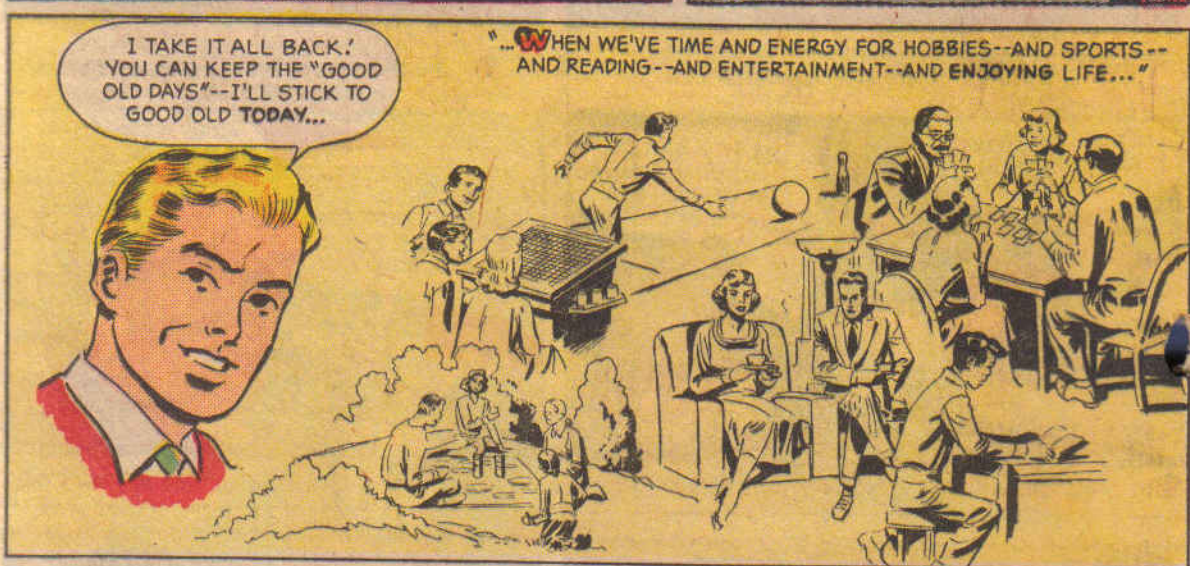


"HURRY! WE'LL BE LATE FOR THE EIGHT O'CLOCK SHOW!"

"WHAT'S THE RUSH... AS LONG AS WE CATCH THE NEWSREEL!"

"I TAKE IT ALL BACK! YOU CAN KEEP THE 'GOOD OLD DAYS'--I'LL STICK TO GOOD OLD TODAY..."

"...WHEN WE'VE TIME AND ENERGY FOR HOBBIES--AND SPORTS--AND READING--AND ENTERTAINMENT--AND ENJOYING LIFE..."



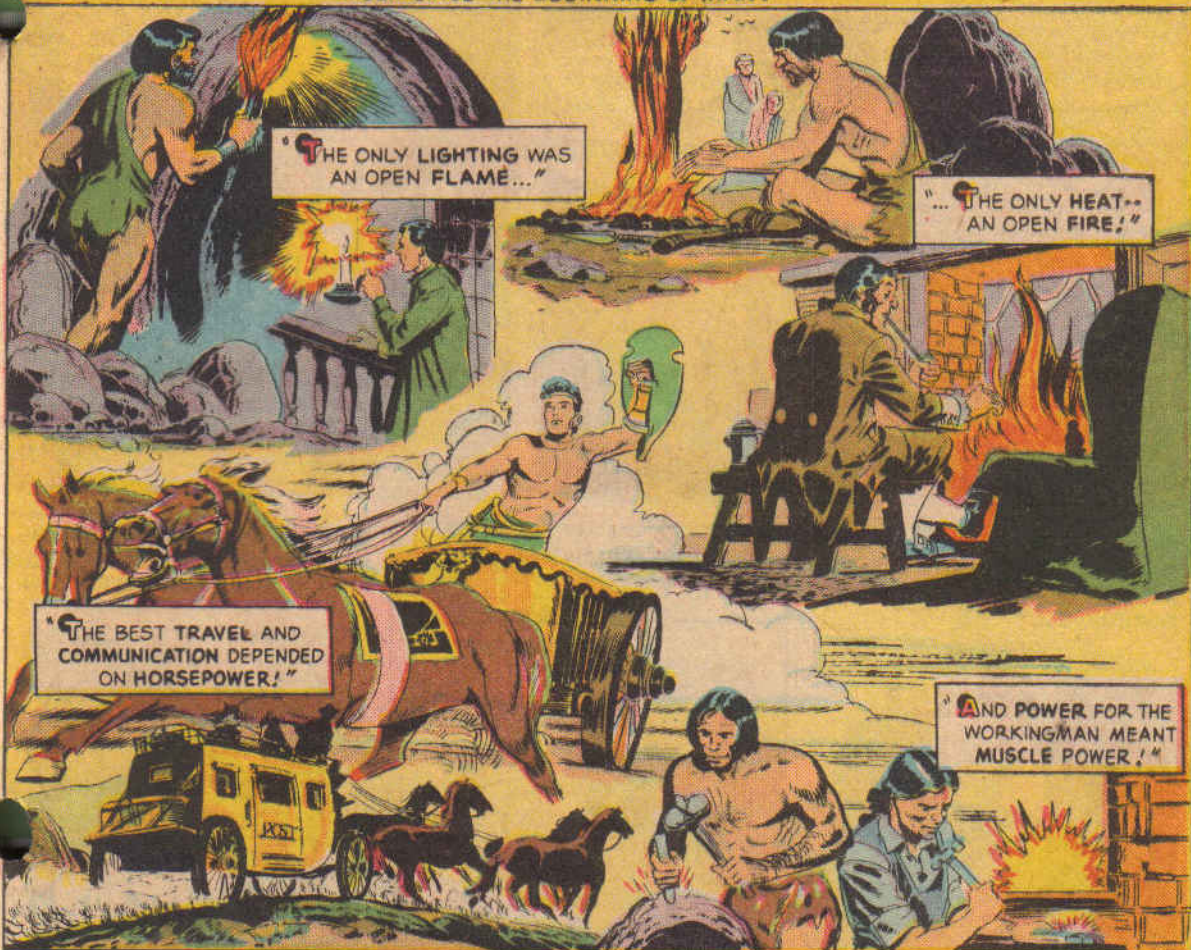
"DON'T THINK THAT THE WILLIAMSBURG FOLKS DIDN'T WANT A BETTER LIFE, JOHNNY-- BUT TODAY'S GOOD THINGS JUST DIDN'T EXIST THEN... AND THE PEOPLE LIVED PRETTY MUCH THE WAY THEIR ANCESTORS DID BEFORE THEM."



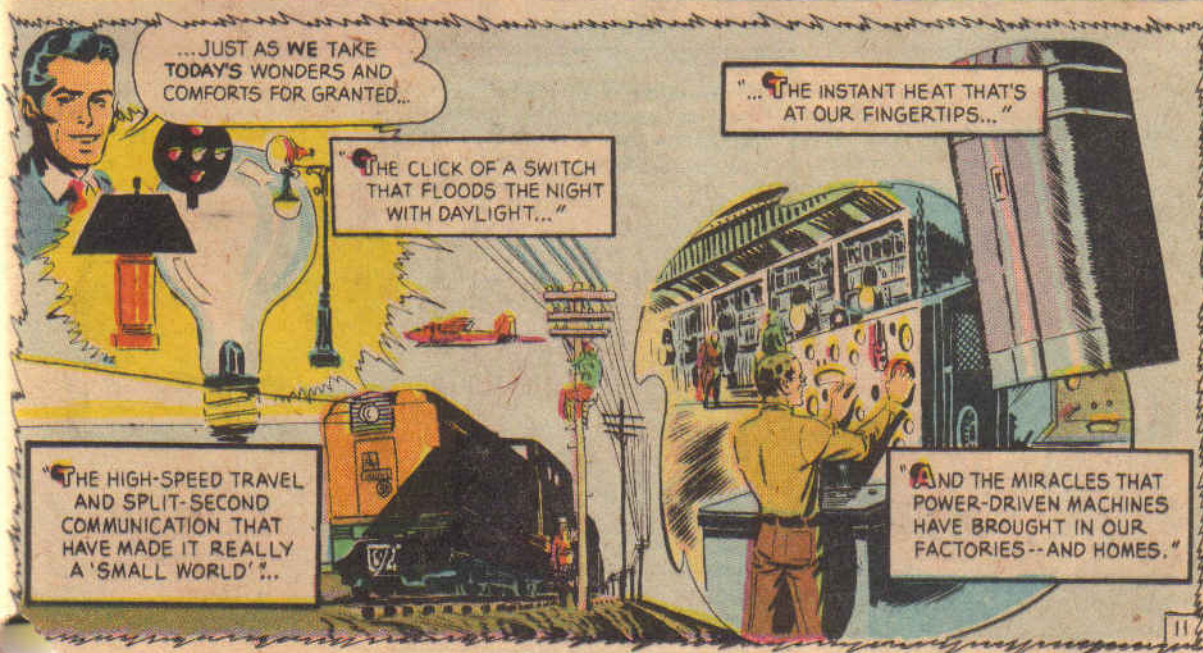
"OF COURSE, THERE WERE MANY IMPROVEMENTS FROM CENTURY TO CENTURY, BUT STRANGE AS IT SEEMS..."

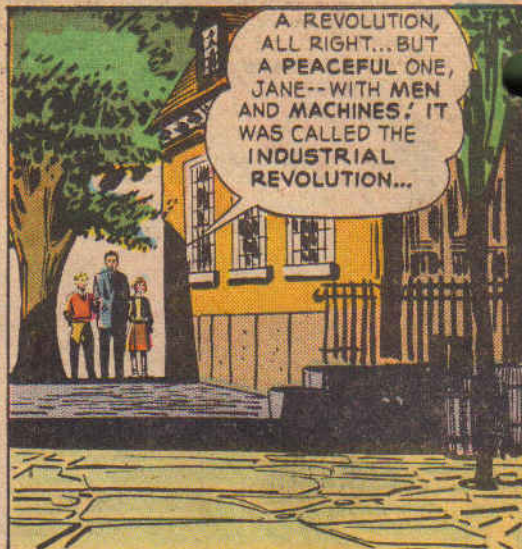
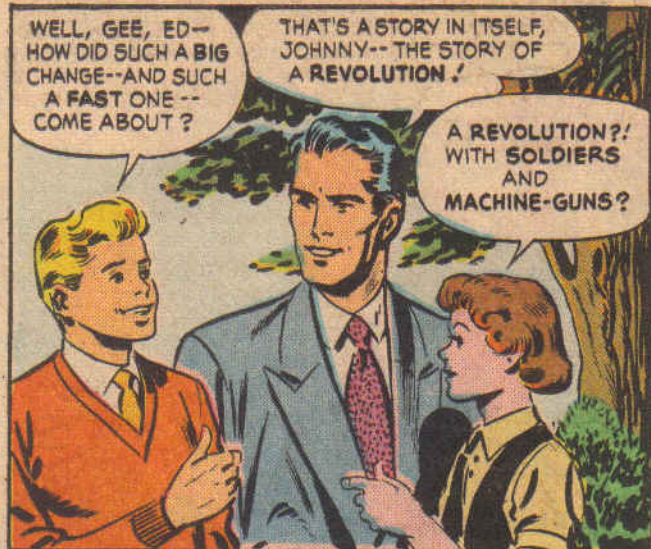


"... THE MEANS ON WHICH THEY DEPENDED FOR LIGHT...FOR HEAT...TRAVEL...AND POWER...HADN'T CHANGED MUCH SINCE THE BEGINNING OF MAN!"



BUT SINCE THESE WERE THE ONLY METHODS THEY HAD EVER KNOWN, COLONIAL FOLKS JUST TOOK THEM FOR GRANTED."





REMEMBER HOW IT TOOK JONATHAN'S FATHER HOURS AND DAYS OF HARD WORK AND MUSCLE POWER TO PRODUCE SOMETHING...



UNTIL, IN THE LATE 1700'S, JAMES WATT'S STEAM ENGINE OPENED THE WAY TO...



RESULT? WITH STEAM ENGINE POWER, MANY MEN COULD DO MUCH MORE WORK WITH MUCH LESS EFFORT--IN A SINGLE FACTORY, INSTEAD OF MANY FORGES!



ALSO, IN THOSE DAYS, EVERY PART OF A MUSKET, FOR INSTANCE, WAS HAND-MADE AND, THEREFORE, DIFFERENT... IT WAS JUST IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE TWO PARTS EXACTLY ALIKE...



UNTIL ELI WHITNEY, (INVENTOR OF THE COTTON GIN) WORKED OUT THE IDEA OF IDENTICAL PARTS...



AND SO WE HAD INTERCHANGEABLE PARTS...AND COULD MASS-PRODUCE FOR THE FIRST TIME!



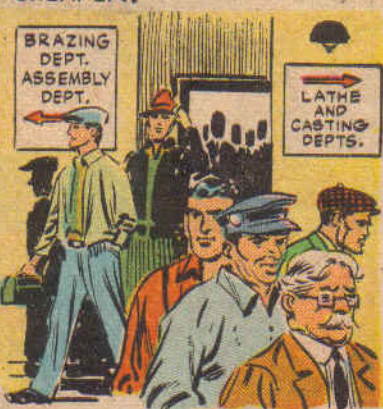
"ANOTHER THING--THE BLACKSMITH HAD TO BE ABLE TO TURN OUT MANY DIFFERENT PRODUCTS...AND BOYS LIKE JONATHAN HAD TO SPEND MANY YEARS LEARNING THE DIFFICULT TRADE..."



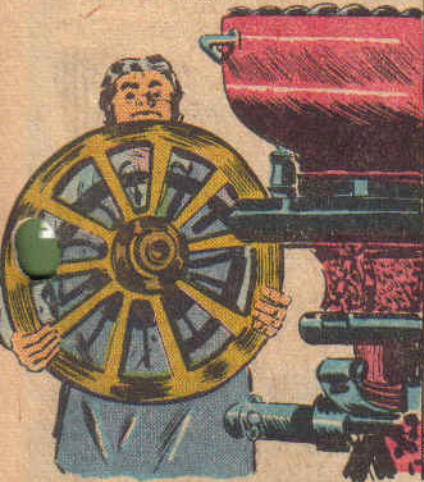
"BUT IDENTICAL PARTS SOON LED TO ANOTHER WAY OF IMPROVING PRODUCTION..."



"WITH SPECIALIZATION, EACH MAN COULD BECOME SKILLED AT HIS JOB IN A FEW WEEKS--WORK EASIER AND FASTER,... AND THE FINISHED PRODUCT WAS NOT ONLY BETTER, BUT CHEAPER!"



"AT THE FORGE, THERE WAS MUCH LIFTING AND CARRYING OF HEAVY LOADS..."

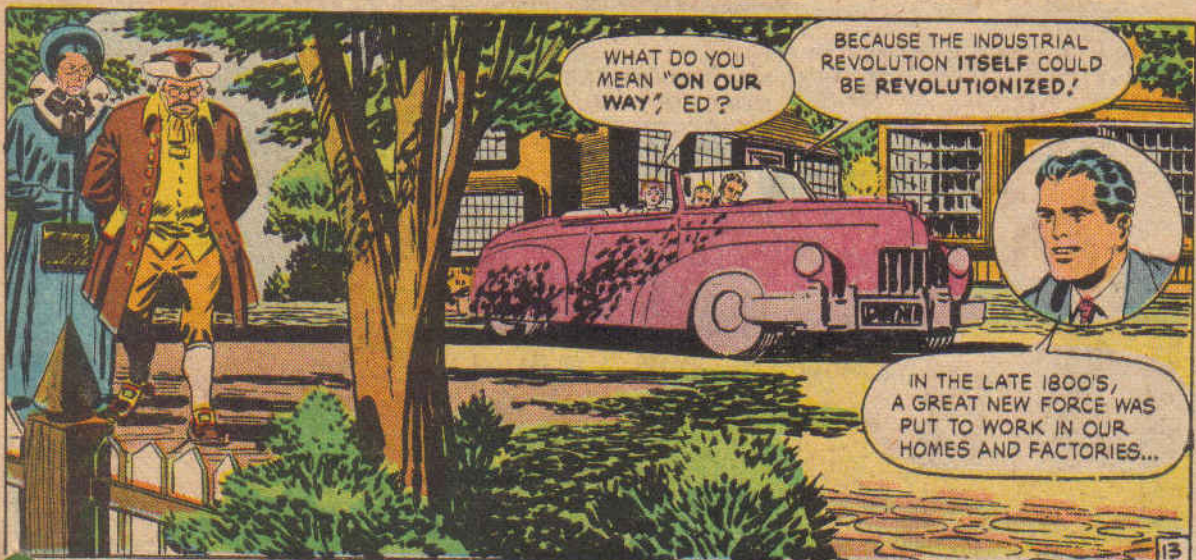
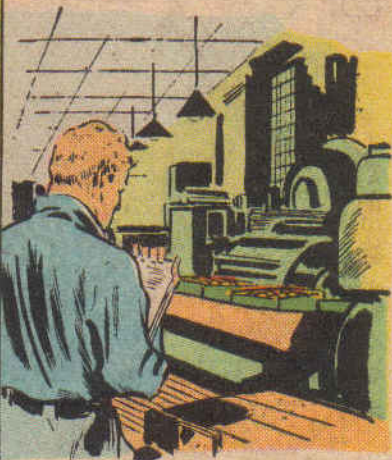


"UNTIL, IN THE FACTORY..."

IF WE SET UP A MOVING BELT-LINE TO CARRY PARTS...IT WILL MEAN EASIER WORK FOR THE MEN, AS WELL AS MORE PRODUCTION.

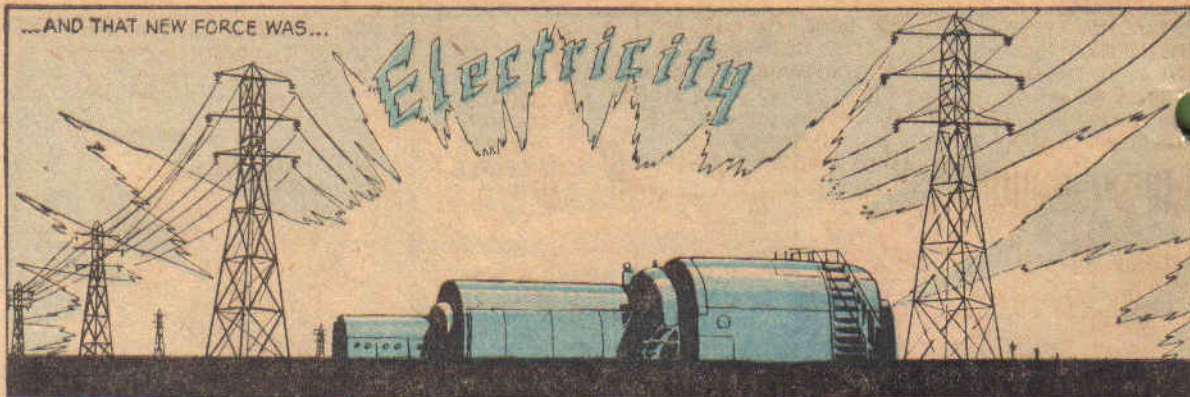


"SO THE ASSEMBLY-LINE WAS BORN--AND WE WERE ON OUR WAY TO THE MODERN FACTORY SYSTEM!"



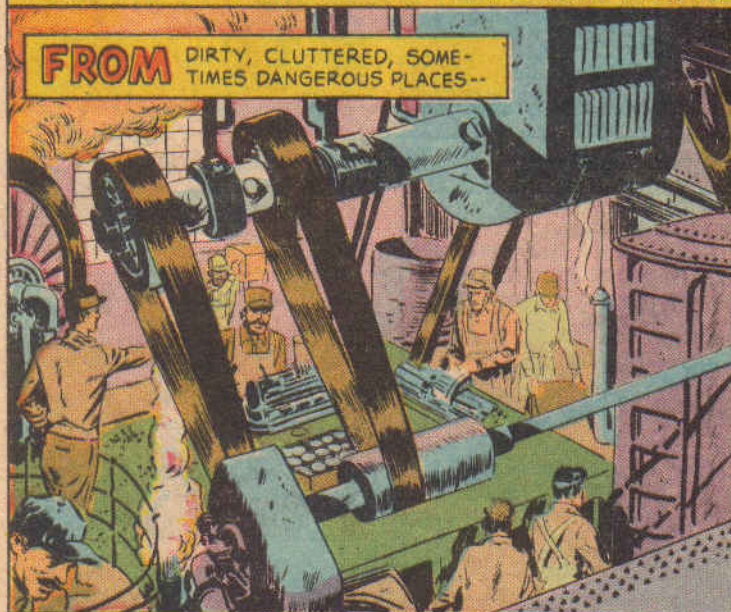
...AND THAT NEW FORCE WAS...

Electricity



ELECTRIC POWER--ELECTRIC GENERATORS, ELECTRIC MACHINES, ELECTRIC TOOLS--CHANGED OUR FACTORIES...

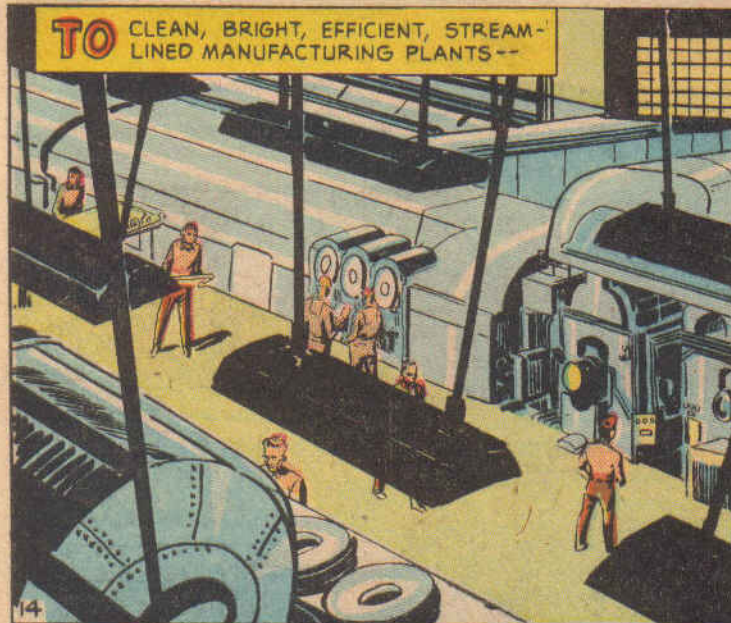
FROM DIRTY, CLUTTERED, SOME-TIMES DANGEROUS PLACES--



--WHICH HAD TO BE LOCATED WHERE THEY COULD PRODUCE THEIR OWN COAL OR WATER POWER...



TO CLEAN, BRIGHT, EFFICIENT, STREAM-LINED MANUFACTURING PLANTS--



--WHICH COULD BE LOCATED ANYWHERE... DRAWING THEIR POWER FROM A VAST 300,000-MILE NETWORK OF HIGH-VOLTAGE ELECTRICITY."



ELECTRICITY NOT ONLY
REVOLUTIONIZED THE WAY
WE MAKE THINGS--BUT THE
THINGS WE MAKE...TO GIVE
US THE HIGHEST STANDARD
OF LIVING IN THE WORLD.

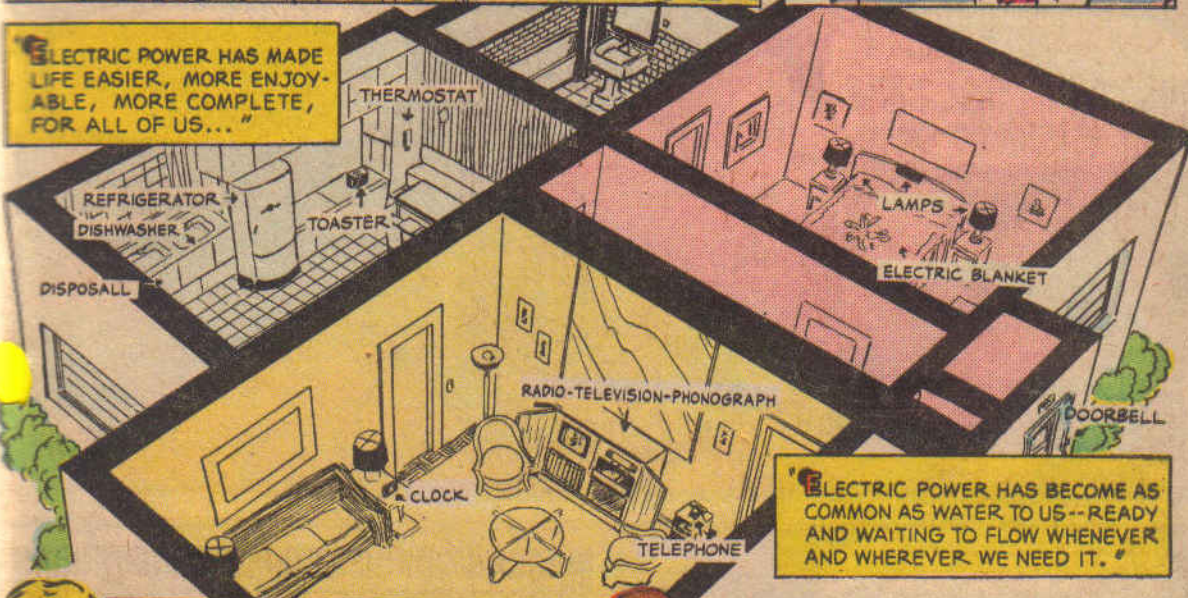
SURE--BECAUSE WITH
ELECTRIC MACHINERY, A
WORKMAN CAN **PRODUCE**
MORE...AND THE **MORE**
HE PRODUCES, THE
CHEAPER THE
PRODUCTS GET--

...AND
BECAUSE
THEY'RE
CHEAPER,
MORE PEOPLE
CAN **BUY**
THEM!

--WHICH BRINGS US RIGHT BACK
AGAIN TO--MORE AND BETTER
THINGS FOR ALL OF US! IN
OUR HOMES, FOR INSTANCE...



ELECTRIC POWER HAS MADE
LIFE EASIER, MORE ENJOY-
ABLE, MORE COMPLETE,
FOR ALL OF US...



ELECTRIC POWER HAS BECOME AS
COMMON AS WATER TO US--READY
AND WAITING TO FLOW WHENEVER
AND WHEREVER WE NEED IT.

AND HOW ABOUT **OUTSIDE** OUR HOMES,
ED? LIKE IN CARS AND SHIPS AND
TRAINS AND PLANES...

...N HOW ABOUT MOVIES...AND THE
X-RAYS DOCTORS AND DENTISTS USE...
AND-AND--ALMOST **EVERYTHING!**

